(b) how many students appeared in Urdu course-B and Urdu Core course in CBSE Secondary Examination in 2007;

(c) the details regarding the related information for all the courses for Punjabi subjects taken by the students;

(d) why the CBSE is not starting A and B courses for secondary level and Core and Elective at senior secondary level for Punjabi language; and

(e) whether it is a fact that there is more demand in Punjabi language by the students, as compared to Urdu language?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The details of the number of students registered in Urdu as a subject for classes X and XII examinations, 2007 conducted by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) are given below:—

	Subject	No. of candidates registered
Class X	Urdu Course (A)	2777
	Urdu Course (B)	3303
	TOTAL:	6080
Class XII	Urdu (Core)	1096
	Urdu (Elective)	234
	TOTAL:	1330

(c) The number of students registered for Punjabi language as subject in classes X and XII Examinations, 2007 conducted by CBSE were 37896 and 4041 respectively.

(d) CBSE does not have A and B Courses in Punjabi language at the secondary level so as to be at per with the State Boards in respect of regional languages. It also does not have core and elective in Punjabi language at senior secondary level to bring uniformity in approach with regard to regional languages and to remove confusion among the schools and students.

(e) For classes X and XII Examination, 2007 conducted by CBSE, more students had regiseted for Punjabi language than for Urdu language.

Corporal punishment in Schools

986. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of corporal punishment in schools, particularly in cities, continue unabated, inspite of orders to the country;

(b) if so, the number of such cases that have come to the notice of Government during 2007 and 2008, upto 1st March, 2008 where serious physical harm has been caused to the concerned students; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken against the concerned school managements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRF FATMI): (a) to (c) Sporadic instance of corporal punishment in schools have been reported in the media in the recent past. Education is a concurrent subject and school education primarily comes under the purview of the State Governments. Details of physical punishment in schools are not Centrally maintained in this Ministry. Affiliation Bye-law of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), *inter-alia,* empowers school Managing Committee to place an employee under suspension if "he/she is charged with cruelty with any student or any employee of the school". CBSE has issued a circular to its affiliated schools not to resort to corporal/physical punishment of students. Government of India has issued an advisory on 17.12.2007 to State Governments to prohibit corporal punishment in schools under their jurisdiction. Corporal punishment has been strictly prohibited in schools run by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Navodaya Vidayalaya Samiti and Central Tibetan School Administration, which are under the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

Allocation for education under Eleventh Five Year Plan

987. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to spend around 20 per cent of the total Eleventh FiveYear Plan budget on education, more than double the amount spent on this sector during the Tenth Five Year Plan, which was around nine per cent;

(b) whether the existing educational institutions must restructure themselves to absorb this volume of funds;

(c) if so, what are the total funds that have been allocated for the education during 2008-09; and

(d) what concrete measures and steps Government proposes to take to utilize these funds for immediate betterment of education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Eleventh Five Year Plan allocation of Rs. 2,69,873 crore has been made available for the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Rs. 1,84,930 crore for Department of School Education and Literacy and 84,943 crore for Department of Higher Education). This constitutes 4.6 fold increase over the expenditure of about Rs. 58,820 crore incurred during Tenth Five Year Plan and 19.4% of the overall Central Plan allocation.

(b) The increased allocation providing during Eleventh Five Year Plan is proposed to be utilized for expansion of existing institutions, opening of new institutions and improvement in the quality of education.

(c) The total Plan allocation for the Ministry of Human Resource Development for 2008-09 is Rs. 34,400 crore (Rs. 7,600 crore for the Department of Higher Education and Rs. 26,800 crore for the Department of School Education and Literacy).

(d) The increased allocation during Eleventh Plan is expected to be utilized for expansion of capacity to increase access while ensuring quality and inclusiveness and also to take steps for improving quality of education.